Small Scale and Agro-based Industries and Changes in Procedures for Industrial Approvals', tabled in Parliament on 31-5-1990.

Formula for Central allocation to States

*170. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present formula for Central allocation to States is causing serious regional imbalances; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of computer system

*171. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any time limit has been fixed for permission to import computer system for the purpose of training by recognised training institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also propose to fix training charges to be recovered from students by these institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Training Institutions in computer software which are recognised by the Department of Electronics can import computer|computer based systems at 25 per cent *advalorem* duty with no export obligation. Such proposals are considered by the Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee (IMSC) of the Department of Electronics and the decision is to be conveyed to the applicants within a period of six weeks. The actual import licences|customs clearance permits for import of computer|computer based systems are issued by the office of Chief-Controller of Imports and Exports (CCI&E).

(c) and (d) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government, to fix training charges for the students. However, the criteria for recognition of Computer Training Institutes laid down under the scheme, *inter-alia*, stipulates that the training fee charged by the institutes should be reasonable, justifiable and commensurate with the infrastructure and facilities offered.

Production of chemical fertilizers

*172. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total capacity of production of chemical fertilizers in India;

(b) what is the percentage of capacity utilisation in the sector of fertilizer industries;

(c) what steps are being taken to attain optimum capacity utilisation;

(d) what is the percentage of capacity utilisation of the coal based units of the Fertilizer Corporation of India like Talcher and Ramagundam;

(e) whether these two units have proved as viable ones; and

(f) if so, whether Government propose to establish more such coal based Fertilizer Plants in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The total annual installed capacity of production of chemical ferti-